

**RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**February 26, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 3:02 p.m. in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Michael Gaffney - Presiding, Mr. Mark Graham, Mr. Gary O'Connell, and Mr. Robert Tucker.

**Board Member Absent:** Ms. Judith Mueller.

**Authority Staff Present:** Ms. Anne Bedarf, Mr. John Brandt, Mr. Bruce Edmonds, Mr. Tom Frederick, Ms. Mary Knowles, Ms. Jennifer Whitaker, Dr. Robert Wichser, and Mr. Lonnie Wood.

**Also Present:** Mr. Kurt Krueger - RSWA Attorney, members of the public, and media representatives.

**1.0 Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the RSWA Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Michael Gaffney on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 3:02 p.m., and he noted that a quorum was present.

**2.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, and seconded by Mr. O'Connell, the Board of Directors by a 4 - 0 vote approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2007.

**3.0 Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Frederick reported that RSWA made a recent addition to its website that he felt provided a very valuable service to all citizens in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. On the left side of the Home page, there is a box entitled "Common Recycling Outlets for Charlottesville and Albemarle." When you click on that box, it will take you to a page that lists all the common recyclable materials and any known recycling outlets for those items. Many citizens in the community visit RSWA facilities on a regular basis and are very familiar with the recycling services offered by the Authority. There are other outlets, including private sector markets that provide additional avenues for recycling. The decision was made by staff that it would be helpful to the public for RSWA to maintain a master list of all known recycling opportunities. Mr. Frederick then invited anyone who has information about a recycling outlet that was not included on RSWA's list to bring that to the staff's attention by either calling or e-mailing the Authority at [info@rivanna.org](mailto:info@rivanna.org). It was RSWA's intent to continually expand and build the list as a means of providing a valuable and inexpensive public service.

Mr. Frederick next stated that he had the opportunity to attend an EPA-sponsored conference in Baltimore, Maryland last month called the "Landfill Methane Outreach Program." The Ivy facility was one of several facilities that were "showcased" as an opportunity for vendors who were interested in promoting or undertaking projects that provide beneficial use of gas. The Ivy Facility's exposure at the conference has led to several follow-up discussions with private companies on possible options. RSWA will be reporting to the Board on viable approaches and suggestions on how RSWA could convert the gas now being generated and flared at the Ivy facility into some beneficial use once RSWA has weighed all the options.

Mr. Tucker inquired if one of the beneficial reuse options would involve the construction of a pipeline. Mr. Frederick stated that there was already a significant pipeline network in place at the Ivy site, which collected the gas from the wells throughout the site and then burned and vented the gas at the flare. This common pipeline could be used to transfer the gas to a facility built in a location that provided adequate site buffering and was environmentally friendly. A special use permit might also be required. Beneficial reuse options would involve using the gas before it was burned and possibly running it through an engine or some means to provide a direct energy benefit. There are some federal tax credits available now for private sector companies through an act that was recently extended to December 31, 2008. The fact that the gas volume at the Ivy facility was decreasing since waste was no longer being buried on the site could be a disadvantage in the beneficial reuse markets. RSWA felt there was enough interest generated to further pursue this option.

Mr. O'Connell asked how the methane gas volume compared to other landfills. Mr. Frederick stated that based on discussions he had concerning this issue, he felt the methane gas volume would be on the lower end of the spectrum. Private companies that were invited to discuss methane gas reuse options for the Ivy facility during the past 2-1/2 years became uninterested after reviewing the methane gas volumes generated at the site. The Ivy facility is now able to capture a greater volume of methane gas due to recent improvements at the Ivy facility, which included adding the passive vents to the active gas system. These improvements will enable RSWA to present a better portfolio to prospective companies.

#### **4.0 Items from the Public**

Mr. Ed Strange, resident of Ivy, Virginia, commented on some maintenance issues that he would like to see addressed at the Ivy site. There were a "fair number" of trees that have fallen into the unnamed creek on the west side of the landfill. Some of the trees were actually blocking or hanging over the creek. He also stated that someone has placed concrete into the creek, which pushes the water out onto the road.

Mr. Strange further commented on an agreement that was made with the planning department several years ago concerning parking trailers and small equipment against the far fence in the upper parking area so they would not be visible from the road. He felt that over time, this agreement has been forgotten and they are being parked where they could be seen from the road.

Mr. Gaffney thanked Mr. Strange for his comments.

**5.0 Consent Agenda**

Mr. Gaffney asked if there were any items that the Board members would like to pull for discussion from the Consent Agenda.

- 5a) Staff Report on Finance
- 5b) Staff Report on Ivy Material Utilization Center
- 5c) Staff Report on Recycling Operations
- 5d) Staff Report on Environmental Status

Mr. Graham moved, which was seconded by Mr. Tucker, that the Board of Directors vote to approve **Items 5a), b), c), and d)** of the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a 4 – 0 vote.

**6.0 Other Business**

There were no Other Business items this month.

**7.0 Other Items from Board/Staff not on Agenda**

There were no other items from the Board or staff not on the agenda.

**8.0 Closed Meeting**

There was no need for a closed meeting.

**9.0 Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Graham moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. O’Connell. All members voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Gary O’Connell  
Secretary - Treasurer